

from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide
me. {143:10} Teach me to do thy will; for thou [art] my
God: thy spirit
[is] good; lead me into the land of uprightness. {143:11}
Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy
righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
{143:12} And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and
destroy all them
that afflict my soul: for I [am] thy servant.

Psalm 144

A [Psalm] of David.

{144:1} Blessed [be] the LORD my strength, which
teacheth my hands to
war, [and] my fingers to fight: {144:2} My goodness,
and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer;
my shield, and [he] in whom I trust; who subdueth my
people under
me. {144:3} LORD, what [is] man, that thou takest
knowledge of him! [or]
the son of man, that thou makest account of him!
{144:4} Man is like to vanity: his days [are] as a shadow
that passeth
away. {144:5} Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come
down: touch the mountains,
and they shall smoke. {144:6} Cast forth lightning, and
scatter them: shoot out thine arrows,
and destroy them. {144:7} Send thine hand from above;
rid me, and deliver me out of great
waters, from the hand of strange children; {144:8}
Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand [is] a
right
hand of falsehood. {144:9} I will sing a new song unto
thee, O God: upon a psaltery [and]
an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.
{144:10} [It is he] that giveth salvation unto kings: who
delivereth
David his servant from the hurtful sword. {144:11} Rid
me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children,
whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand [is] a
right
hand of falsehood: {144:12} That our sons [may be] as
plants grown up in their youth;
[that] our daughters [may be] as corner stones, polished
[after]
the similitude of a palace: {144:13} [That] our garners
[may be] full, affording all manner of
store: [that] our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten
thousands in our streets: {144:14} [That] our oxen [may
be] strong to labour; [that there be] no
breaking in, nor going out; that [there be] no
complaining in our
streets. {144:15} Happy [is that] people, that is in such a
case: [yea,] happy
[is that] people, whose God [is] the LORD.

Psalm 145

David's [Psalm] of praise.

{145:1} I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless
thy name
for ever and ever. {145:2} Every day will I bless thee;
and I will praise thy name for
ever and ever. {145:3} Great [is] the LORD, and greatly
to be praised; and his
greatness [is] unsearchable. {145:4} One generation

shall praise thy works to another, and shall
declare thy mighty acts. {145:5} I will speak of the
glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy
wondrous works. {145:6} And [men] shall speak of the
might of thy terrible acts: and I
will declare thy greatness. {145:7} They shall
abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,
and shall sing of thy righteousness. {145:8} The LORD
[is] gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger,
and of great mercy. {145:9} The LORD [is] good to all:
and his tender mercies [are] over
all his works. {145:10} All thy works shall praise thee,
O LORD; and thy saints shall
bless thee. {145:11} They shall speak of the glory of thy
kingdom, and talk of thy
power; {145:12} To make known to the sons of men his
mighty acts, and the
glorious majesty of his kingdom. {145:13} Thy
kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion
[endureth] throughout all generations. {145:14} The
LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all [those
that be] bowed down. {145:15} The eyes of all wait
upon thee; and thou givest them their
meat in due season. {145:16} Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfiest the desire of every
living thing. {145:17} The LORD [is] righteous in all
his ways, and holy in all his
works. {145:18} The LORD [is] nigh unto all them that
call upon him, to all
that call upon him in truth. {145:19} He will fulfil the
desire of them that fear him: he also will
hear their cry, and will save them. {145:20} The LORD
preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked
will he destroy. {145:21} My mouth shall speak the
praise of the LORD: and let all flesh
bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 146

{146:1} Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
{146:2} While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing
praises unto
my God while I have any being. {146:3} Put not your
trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom
[there is] no help. {146:4} His breath goeth forth, he
returneth to his earth; in that very
day his thoughts perish. {146:5} Happy [is he] that
[hath] the God of Jacob for his help, whose
hope [is] in the LORD his God: {146:6} Which made
heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein
[is:] which keepeth truth for ever: {146:7} Which
executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food
to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: {146:8}
The LORD openeth [the eyes of] the blind: the LORD
raiseth them
that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
{146:9} The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth
the fatherless
and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside
down. {146:10} The LORD shall reign for ever, [even] thy
God, O Zion, unto
all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 147

{147:1} Praise ye the LORD: for [it is] good to sing praises
unto our
God; for [it is] pleasant; [and] praise is comely. {147:2}
The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together

the

outcasts of Israel. {147:3} He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. {147:4} He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by

[their] names. {147:5} Great [is] our Lord, and of great power: his understanding [is]

infinite. {147:6} The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the

ground. {147:7} Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp

unto our God: {147:8} Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the

earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. {147:9} He giveth to the beast his food, [and] to the young ravens

which cry. {147:10} He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not

pleasure in the legs of a man. {147:11} The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that

hope in his mercy. {147:12} Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. {147:13} For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath

blessed thy children within thee. {147:14} He maketh peace [in] thy borders, [and] filleth thee with the

finest of the wheat. {147:15} He sendeth forth his commandment [upon] earth: his word

runneth very swiftly. {147:16} He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like

ashes. {147:17} He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before

his cold? {147:18} He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind

to blow, [and] the waters flow. {147:19} He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments

unto Israel. {147:20} He hath not dealt so with any nation: and [as for his]

judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 148

{148:1} Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise

him in the heights. {148:2} Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. {148:3} Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. {148:4} Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that [be]

above the heavens. {148:5} Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and

they were created. {148:6} He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a

decree which shall not pass. {148:7} Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: {148:8} Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his

word: {148:9} Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: {148:10} Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: {148:11} Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of

the earth: {148:12} Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: {148:13} Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is

excellent; his glory [is] above the earth and heaven. {148:14} He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his

saints; [even] of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.

Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 149

{149:1} Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, [and] his

praise in the congregation of saints. {149:2} Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of

Zion be joyful in their King. {149:3} Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises

unto him with the timbrel and harp. {149:4} For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify

the meek with salvation. {149:5} Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon

their beds. {149:6} [Let] the high [praises] of God [be] in their mouth, and a

twoedged sword in their hand; {149:7} To execute vengeance upon the heathen, [and] punishments upon

the people; {149:8} To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters

of iron; {149:9} To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all

his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 150

{150:1} Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in

the firmament of his power. {150:2} Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his

excellent greatness. {150:3} Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the

psaltery and harp. {150:4} Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed

instruments and organs. {150:5} Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high

sounding cymbals. {150:6} Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the

The Proverbs

{1:1} The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; {1:2} To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; {1:3} To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; {1:4} To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. {1:5} A wise [man] will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: {1:6} To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

{1:7} The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction. {1:8} My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: {1:9} For they [shall be] an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

{1:10} My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. {1:11} If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: {1:12} Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: {1:13} We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: {1:14} Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: {1:15} My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: {1:16} For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. {1:17} Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. {1:18} And they lay wait for their [own] blood; they lurk privily for their [own] lives. {1:19} So [are] the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; [which] taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

{1:20} Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: {1:21} She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, [saying,] {1:22} How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorned delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? {1:23} Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

{1:24} Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; {1:25} But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: {1:26} I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; {1:27} When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. {1:28} Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: {1:29} For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: {1:30} They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. {1:31} Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. {1:32} For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. {1:33} But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

{2:1} My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; {2:2} So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, [and] apply thine heart to understanding; {2:3} Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, [and] liftest up thy voice for understanding; {2:4} If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as [for] hid treasures; {2:5} Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find

the knowledge of God. {2:6} For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth [cometh] knowledge and understanding. {2:7} He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: [he is] a buckler to them that walk uprightly. {2:8} He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. {2:9} Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; [yea,] every good path.

{2:10} When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; {2:11} Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: {2:12} To deliver thee from the way of the evil [man,] from the man that speaketh froward things; {2:13} Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; {2:14} Who rejoice to do evil, [and] delight in the frowardness of the wicked; {2:15} Whose ways [are] crooked, and [they] froward in their paths: {2:16} To deliver thee from the strange woman, [even] from the stranger [which] flattereth with her words; {2:17} Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. {2:18} For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. {2:19} None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. {2:20} That thou mayest walk in the way of good [men,] and keep the paths of the righteous. {2:21} For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. {2:22} But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

{3:1} My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: {3:2} For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. {3:3} Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: {3:4} So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

{3:5} Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. {3:6} In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

{3:7} Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. {3:8} It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. {3:9} Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: {3:10} So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

{3:11} My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: {3:12} For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son [in whom] he delighteth.

{3:13} Happy [is] the man [that] findeth wisdom, and the man [that] getteth understanding. {3:14} For the merchandise of it [is] better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. {3:15} She [is] more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. {3:16} Length of days [is] in her right hand; [and] in her left hand riches and honour. {3:17} Her ways [are] ways of pleasantness, and all her paths [are] peace. {3:18} She [is] a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy [is every one] that retaineth her. {3:19} The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. {3:20} By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

{3:21} My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: {3:22} So shall they be life

unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. {3:23} Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. {3:24} When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. {3:25} Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. {3:26} For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

{3:27} Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do [it.] {3:28} Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. {3:29} Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

{3:30} Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

{3:31} Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. {3:32} For the froward [is] abomination to the LORD: but his secret [is] with the righteous.

{3:33} The curse of the LORD [is] in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. {3:34} Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. {3:35} The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

{4:1} Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. {4:2} For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. {4:3} For I was my father's son, tender and only [beloved] in the sight of my mother. {4:4} He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. {4:5} Get wisdom, get understanding: forget [it] not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. {4:6} Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. {4:7} Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. {4:8} Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. {4:9} She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. {4:10} Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. {4:11} I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. {4:12} When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. {4:13} Take fast hold of instruction; let [her] not go: keep her; for she [is] thy life.

{4:14} Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil [men.] {4:15} Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. {4:16} For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause [some] to fall. {4:17} For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. {4:18} But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. {4:19} The way of the wicked [is] as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

{4:20} My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. {4:21} Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. {4:22} For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

{4:23} Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life. {4:24} Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. {4:25} Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. {4:26} Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways

be established. {4:27} Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

{5:1} My son, attend unto my wisdom, [and] bow thine ear to my understanding: {5:2} That thou mayest regard discretion, and [that] thy lips may keep knowledge.

{5:3} For the lips of a strange woman drop [as] an honeycomb, and her mouth [is] smoother than oil: {5:4} But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. {5:5} Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. {5:6} Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, [that] thou canst not know [them.] {5:7} Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. {5:8} Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: {5:9} Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: {5:10} Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours [be] in the house of a stranger; {5:11} And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, {5:12} And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; {5:13} And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! {5:14} I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

{5:15} Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. {5:16} Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, [and] rivers of waters in the streets. {5:17} Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. {5:18} Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. {5:19} [Let her be as] the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. {5:20} And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? {5:21} For the ways of man [are] before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

{5:22} His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. {5:23} He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

{6:1} My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, [if] thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, {6:2} Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. {6:3} Do this now, my son, deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. {6:4} Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. {6:5} Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand [of the hunter,] and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

{6:6} Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: {6:7} Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, {6:8} Provideth her meat in the summer, [and] gathereth her food in the harvest. {6:9} How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? {6:10} [Yet] a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: {6:11} So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

{6:12} A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. {6:13} He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; {6:14} Frowardness [is] in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. {6:15} Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken

without remedy.

{6:16} These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: {6:17} A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, {6:18} An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, {6:19} A false witness [that] speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

{6:20} My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: {6:21} Bind them continually upon thine heart, [and] tie them about thy neck. {6:22} When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and [when] thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. {6:23} For the commandment [is] a lamp; and the law [is] light; and reproofs of instruction [are] the way of life: {6:24} To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. {6:25} Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. {6:26} For by means of a whorish woman [a man is brought] to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. {6:27} Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? {6:28} Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? {6:29} So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. {6:30} [Men] do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; {6:31} But [if] he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. {6:32} [But] whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he [that] doeth it destroyeth his own soul. {6:33} A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. {6:34} For jealousy [is] the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. {6:35} He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

{7:1} My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. {7:2} Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. {7:3} Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. {7:4} Say unto wisdom, Thou [art] my sister; and call understanding [thy] kinswoman: {7:5} That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger [which] flattereth with her words.

{7:6} For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, {7:7} And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, {7:8} Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, {7:9} In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: {7:10} And, behold, there met him a woman [with] the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. {7:11} (She [is] loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: {7:12} Now [is she] without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) {7:13} So she caught him, and kissed him, [and] with an impudent face said unto him, {7:14} [I have] peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows. {7:15} Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. {7:16} I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved [works,] with fine linen of Egypt. {7:17} I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. {7:18} Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. {7:19} For the goodman [is] not at home, he is gone a long journey: {7:20} He hath taken a bag of money with him, [and] will come home at the day appointed. {7:21} With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering

of her lips she forced him. {7:22} He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; {7:23} Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it [is] for his life.

{7:24} Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. {7:25} Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. {7:26} For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong [men] have been slain by her. {7:27} Her house [is] the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

{8:1} Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? {8:2} She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. {8:3} She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. {8:4} Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice [is] to the sons of man. {8:5} O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. {8:6} Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips [shall be] right things. {8:7} For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness [is] an abomination to my lips. {8:8} All the words of my mouth [are] in righteousness; [there is] nothing froward or perverse in them. {8:9} They [are] all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. {8:10} Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. {8:11} For wisdom [is] better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. {8:12} I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. {8:13} The fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. {8:14} Counsel [is] mine, and sound wisdom: I [am] understanding; I have strength. {8:15} By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. {8:16} By me princes rule, and nobles, [even] all the judges of the earth. {8:17} I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. {8:18} Riches and honour [are] with me; [yea,] durable riches and righteousness. {8:19} My fruit [is] better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. {8:20} I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: {8:21} That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. {8:22} The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. {8:23} I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. {8:24} When [there were] no depths, I was brought forth; when [there were] no fountains abounding with water. {8:25} Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: {8:26} While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. {8:27} When he prepared the heavens, I [was] there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: {8:28} When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: {8:29} When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: {8:30} Then I was by him, [as] one brought up [with him:] and I was daily [his] delight, rejoicing always before him; {8:31} Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights [were] with the sons of men. {8:32} Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed [are they that] keep my ways. {8:33} Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. {8:34} Blessed [is] the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. {8:35} For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. {8:36} But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me

love death.

{9:1} Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: {9:2} She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. {9:3} She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, {9:4} Whoso [is] simple, let him turn in hither: [as for] him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, {9:5} Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine [which] I have mingled. {9:6} Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. {9:7} He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked [man getteth] himself a blot. {9:8} Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. {9:9} Give [instruction] to a wise [man,] and he will be yet wiser: teach a just [man,] and he will increase in learning. {9:10} The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy [is] understanding. {9:11} For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. {9:12} If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but [if] thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear [it].

{9:13} A foolish woman [is] clamorous: [she is] simple, and knoweth nothing. {9:14} For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, {9:15} To call passengers who go right on their ways: {9:16} Whoso [is] simple, let him turn in hither: and [as for] him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, {9:17} Stolen waters are sweet, and bread [eaten] in secret is pleasant. {9:18} But he knoweth not that the dead [are] there; [and that] her guests [are] in the depths of hell.

{10:1} The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son [is] the heaviness of his mother. {10:2} Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. {10:3} The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. {10:4} He becometh poor that dealeth [with] a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. {10:5} He that gathereth in summer [is] a wise son: [but] he that sleepeth in harvest [is] a son that causeth shame. {10:6} Blessings [are] upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. {10:7} The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. {10:8} The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall. {10:9} He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. {10:10} He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall. {10:11} The mouth of a righteous [man is] a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. {10:12} Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. {10:13} In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod [is] for the back of him that is void of understanding. {10:14} Wise [men] lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish [is] near destruction. {10:15} The rich man's wealth [is] his strong city: the destruction of the poor [is] their poverty. {10:16} The labour of the righteous [tendeth] to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin. {10:17} He [is in] the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth. {10:18} He that hideth hatred [with] lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, [is] a fool. {10:19} In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips [is] wise. {10:20} The tongue of the just [is as] choice silver: the heart of the wicked [is] little worth. {10:21} The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom. {10:22} The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. {10:23} [It is] as sport to a

fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom. {10:24} The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. {10:25} As the whirlwind passeth, so [is] the wicked no [more:] but the righteous [is] an everlasting foundation. {10:26} As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so [is] the sluggard to them that send him. {10:27} The fear of the LORD longeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. {10:28} The hope of the righteous [shall be] gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. {10:29} The way of the LORD [is] strength to the upright: but destruction [shall be] to the workers of iniquity. {10:30} The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. {10:31} The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out. {10:32} The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked [speaketh] frowardness.

{11:1} A false balance [is] abomination to the LORD: but a just weight [is] his delight. {11:2} [When] pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly [is] wisdom. {11:3} The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. {11:4} Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. {11:5} The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. {11:6} The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in [their own] naughtiness. {11:7} When a wicked man dieth, [his] expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust [men] perisheth. {11:8} The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead. {11:9} An hypocrite with [his] mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered. {11:10} When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, [there is] shouting. {11:11} By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. {11:12} He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. {11:13} A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. {11:14} Where no counsel [is,] the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors [there is] safety. {11:15} He that is surety for a stranger shall smart [for it:] and he that hateth suretyship is sure. {11:16} A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong [men] retain riches. {11:17} The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but [he that is] cruel troubleth his own flesh. {11:18} The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness [shall be] a sure reward. {11:19} As righteousness [tendeth] to life: so he that pursueth evil [pursueth it] to his own death. {11:20} They that are of a froward heart [are] abomination to the LORD: but [such as are] upright in [their] way [are] his delight. {11:21} [Though] hand [join] in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. {11:22} [As] a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, [so is] a fair woman which is without discretion. {11:23} The desire of the righteous [is] only good: [but] the expectation of the wicked [is] wrath. {11:24} There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and [there is] that withholdeth more than is meet, but [it tendeth] to poverty. {11:25} The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. {11:26} He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing [shall be] upon the head of him that selleth [it.] {11:27} He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. {11:28} He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. {11:29} He that